

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert a reference to the PCT application and the Japanese priority documents.

The abstract has been amended to present it in one paragraph.

The claims have been amended to delete all multiple dependencies. Claims 22 and 23 have been newly added.

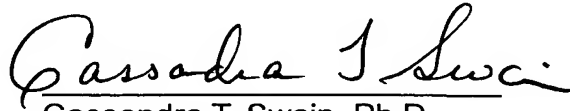
Examination in light of these amendments is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter in connection with this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to the Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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